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"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING INTERFERENCE"
 Applicant: Welland et al.
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1. PTO/SB/21 Transmittal (1 page)
2. PTO/SB/22 Extension of Time (1 page)
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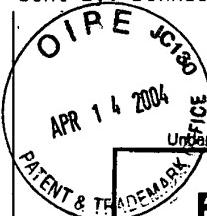
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127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$0
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	\$0
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	\$0
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117	890	217	446	Extension for reply within third month	\$0
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121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	\$0
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to Institute a public use proceeding	\$0
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$0
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126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	\$0
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2003, please amend the application
as follows.